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<b>Applicant:</b>	Gut, I. et al.	<b>Conf.:</b>	8231
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<b>For:</b>	<b>METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACID BY MEANS OF ELECTROSPRAY MASS SPECTROMETRY</b>		

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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated October 27, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response contains Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.